THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extant available.

Involvement of external agencies in working of IT Department

†1439. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards work being done by the outsiders in Income Tax Department whose appointments have been made without departmental orders; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) In order to give better service to tax payers, outsourcing was permitted for Data Entry. This was done to facilitate expeditious disposal of large amount of pending cases and to honour the commitment made to the assessees for processing returns within 4 months. No fresh appointments can be made without clearance from the Screening Committee.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Vanishing Companies

1440. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court had ordered the Security and Exchange Board of India to submit details of vanishing companies;

(b) if so, whether the information has since been submitted; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.